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1. DAYAN REMARK RE MOBILIZATION OF AMERICAN JEWS ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL (REFTEL) WAS MADE DURING NOV 23 ADDRESS IN TEL AVIV TO ISRAEL BAR ASSOCIATION -- ONE OF TWO PESSIMISTIC STATEMENTS HE MADE LAST WEEKEND IN WHICH HE SAID ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THINGS. IN HIS ADDRESS (NO OFFICIAL TEXT AVAILABLE) DAYAN WARNED IN VERY STRONG TERMS AGAINST RETURNING TO BORDERS OF JUNE 4, 1967, DEFENDED GO'S POLICY OF ESTABLISHING SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD LEAD TO A LASTING PEACE, AND SPOKE OF PROSPECTIVE DIFFERENCES WITH USG OVER QUESTION OF ISRAEL'S

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FUTURE BOUNDARIES. IN VIEW OF REFTEL FOCUSING ON

THESE REMARKS BY DAYAN, WE HAVE EXCERPTED THEM FROM PRESS TREATMENT, BELOW (EXCERPTS PRESUMABLY ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH FBIS).

2. POSSIBILITY OF PEACE WITH ARABS. DAYAN SAID THAT FAILURE OF ISRAEL AND EGYPT TO COME TO AGREEMENT ON DISENGAGEMENT COUPLED WITH PHYSICAL FACT OF CONTINUED CONFRONTATION DID NOT AUGUR WELL FOR PEACE CONFERENCE AT GENEVE. ARAB MOTIVATION HAD NOT CHANGED IN WEEKS SINCE YOM KIPPUR WAR. ARABS, HAVING LAUNCHED ALL-OUT ATTACK AGAINST ISRAEL ON OCT 6 AND HAVING FAILED TO ACHIEVE THEIR AIMS BY MILITARY MEANS, WERE NOW TRYING TO ACHIEVE THOSE AIMS BY POLITICAL MEANS THROUGH A PEACE CONFERENCE. DAYAN DECLARED " WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THE LAUNCHING OF WAR BY THE ARABS OR THEIR ASSASSINATION OF OUR PRISONERS, BUT IT DOES DEPEND ON US WHETHER THE RUSH TO GENEVA WILL PRODUCE A CONFERENCE OF RETREAT OR CAPITULATION." HE SAID HE BELIEVED " THE FATE AND FUTURE OF JEWISH HOPES ARE IN THE BALANCE."

3. ISRAEL'S FUTURE BORDERS. DAYAN WARNED AGAINST RETURNING TO " THE SHRUNKEN AND TWISTED BOUNDARIES" OF 1967" IF WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE THIS COUNTRY DOOMED." SPELLING OUT HIS PERSONAL VIEWS, DAYAN SAID ISRAEL MUST NOT COME DOWN FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, MUST NOT ABANDON JORDAN RIVER AS A SECURITY FRONTIER, AND MUST NOT REMOVE ITS RADAR NETWORK FROM THE NABLUS HILLS " WHETHER THE US LIKES IT OR NOT." ANSWERING THOSE WHO HAVE QUESTIONED VALUE OF RETAINING SHARM EL-SHEIKH, DAYAN SAID " FIRSTLY WE CANNOT BE AT BAB EL-MANDEB AND SECONDLY, IF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ARABS IS TO BE BASED ON BLOCKADES, THEN MOST CERTAINLY WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BUDGE FROM SHARM EL-SHEIKH. IF WE BOW TO ALL THE WITHDRAWAL DEMANDS, THEN ALL WE WILL HAVE IS A CARICATURE OF A STATE, AND WHAT KIND OF SECURITY WILL WE HAVE THEN?"

4. GENEVA CONFERENCE. DAYAN SAID THAT BOUNDARIES WOULD BE CENTRAL ISSUE AT PEACE CONFERENCE AND NOTED " WE MUST MAKE IT CLEAR TO OURSELVES AND TO OTHERS WHAT WE WILL NOT GIVE UP UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES--WHETHER IN RETURN FOR GUARANTEES, OR UNDER PRESSURE OR WHATEVER." COMMENTING ON ISRAEL'S ABILITY TO WITHSTAND PRESSURE OVER COMING MONTHS, DAYAN

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SAID " WE ARE NOT POOR NAKED ORPHANS; WE HAVE STRENGTH AND WE HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO USE IT. WE HAVE TO MOBILIZE OUR RESOURCES AND IF NECESSARY SUMMON THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY TO OUR AID, FOR IT IS A QUESTION OF OUR SURVIVAL."

5. DIFFERENCES WITH US. DAYAN SPOKE OF SHARP DIFFERENCES WITH US OVER BORDERS BUT BELIEVED ISRAEL COULD ARGUE EVEN WITH ITS BEST FRIEND. HE SAID " IT WON'T BE EASY BUT WE WILL

NOT ACCEPT DICTATION. AFTER ALL, EVEN SOUTH VIETNAM REFUESE
TO BE DICTATED TO BY WASHINGTON, AND WE ARE NOT SOUTH
VIETNAM. THERE IS NO REASON IN THE WORLD WHY WE SHOULD
SACRIFICE OUR FUTURE OR WHY WE SHOULD CAPITUALTE."

6. SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. DAYAN SAID THAT
POLICY OF "SECURITY SETTLEMENT" WAS WHOLLY WITHIN ZIONIST
TRADITION AND THAT BUILDING ISRAELI SETTLEMENT (YAMIT) IN RAFAH
JUNCTION AREA OF SINAI WAS MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER BECAUSE
DELINEATION OF BORDER WITH EGYPT WAS AT STAKE. HE DECLARED
THAT " THE CENTRAL ISSUE IS THE BORDER OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL."
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